

PUBLIC NOTICE



**US Army Corps
of Engineers
Kansas City District**

**Permit No. 2007-1006
Issue Date: June 11, 2007
Expiration Date: July 2, 2007**

21-Day Notice

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE: This public notice is issued jointly with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Pollution Control Program. The Department of Natural Resources will use the comments to this notice in deciding whether to grant Section 401 water quality certification. Commenters are requested to furnish a copy of their comments to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

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PROJECT LOCATION (As shown on the attached drawings): Near Starkenburg, Missouri and Rhineland, Missouri, in Section 24, Township 46 north, Range 6 west, Montgomery County, Missouri (Gasconade Quadrangle).

AUTHORITY: Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344).

ACTIVITY (As shown on the attached drawings): Proposed – discharge portions of 82,500 cubic yards of onsite soil in an unnamed tributary to Modoc Creek to construct an earthen dam measuring approximately 1,000-feet-long by 40-feet-tall by a maximum base of 265-feet-wide (see accompanying drawings). The dam will create a 15-acre lake that will meet the regulations set-forth by the State of Missouri Dam and Reservoir Safety Council. Approximately 1,560 linear feet of intermittent stream channel will be impacted by the footprint of the dam and subsequent lake water. The applicant proposes to offset aquatic impacts associated with the project by providing onsite stream mitigation.

PROJECT PURPOSE: To develop a lake for the enjoyment of future property owners.

WETLANDS: No impacts are anticipated.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information about this application may be obtained by contacting the Missouri State Regulatory Office at 573-634-2248, ext. 3834. All comments to this public notice should be directed to Mr. James A. Ptacek, Missouri State Regulatory Office, 221 Bolivar Street, Suite 103, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101 or email to james.a.ptacek@usace.army.mil.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: Kansas City District will comply with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and 36 CFR 800. We have checked the National Register of Historic Places and the Federal Register and no property listed in the Register or proposed for listing is located in the permit area. This is the extent of our knowledge about historic properties in the permit area at this time. However, we will evaluate input by the State Historic Preservation Officer and the public in response to this public notice, and we may conduct or require a reconnaissance survey of the permit area to check for unknown historic properties, if warranted.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: In compliance with the Endangered Species Act, a preliminary determination has been made that the described work will not affect species designated as threatened or endangered or adversely affect critical habitat. In order to complete our evaluation of this activity, comments are solicited from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals.

FLOODPLAINS: This activity is being reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, which discourages direct or indirect support of floodplain development whenever there is a practicable alternative. By this public notice, comments are requested from individuals and agencies that believe the described work will adversely impact the floodplain.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) requires that all discharges of dredged or fill material must be certified by the appropriate state agency as complying with applicable effluent limitations and water quality standards. This public notice serves as an application to the state in which the discharge site is located for certification of the discharge. The discharge must be certified before a Department of the Army permit can be issued. Certification, if issued, expresses the state's opinion that the discharge will not violate applicable water quality standards.

PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW: The decision to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including the cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, esthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above.

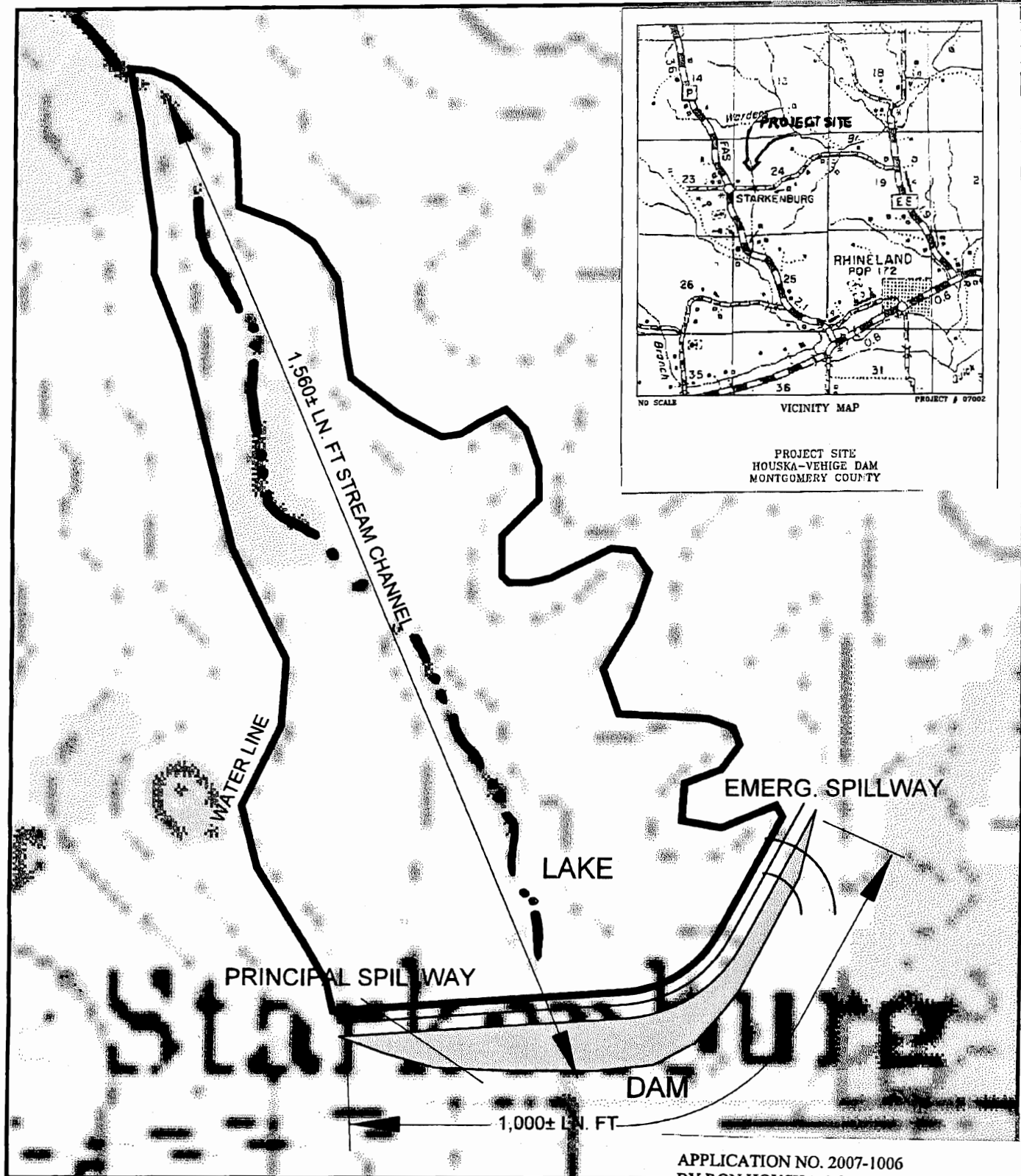
Comments are used in preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

COMMENTS: This notice is provided to outline details of the above-described activity so this District may consider all pertinent comments prior to determining if issuance of a permit would be in the public interest. Any interested party is invited to submit to this office written facts or objections relative to the activity on or before the public notice expiration date. Comments both favorable and unfavorable will be accepted and made a part of the record and will receive full consideration in determining whether it would be in the public interest to issue the Department of the Army permit. Copies of all comments, including names and addresses of commenters, may be provided to the applicant. Comments should be mailed to Mr. James A. Ptacek, Missouri State Regulatory Office, 221 Bolivar Street, Suite 103, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101 or email to james.a.ptacek@usace.army.mil.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, prior to the expiration date of this public notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Such requests shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

NOTE: This public notice is posted on the Kansas City District Regulatory web page and can be viewed at the following address:

http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/regulatory/public_notices.htm

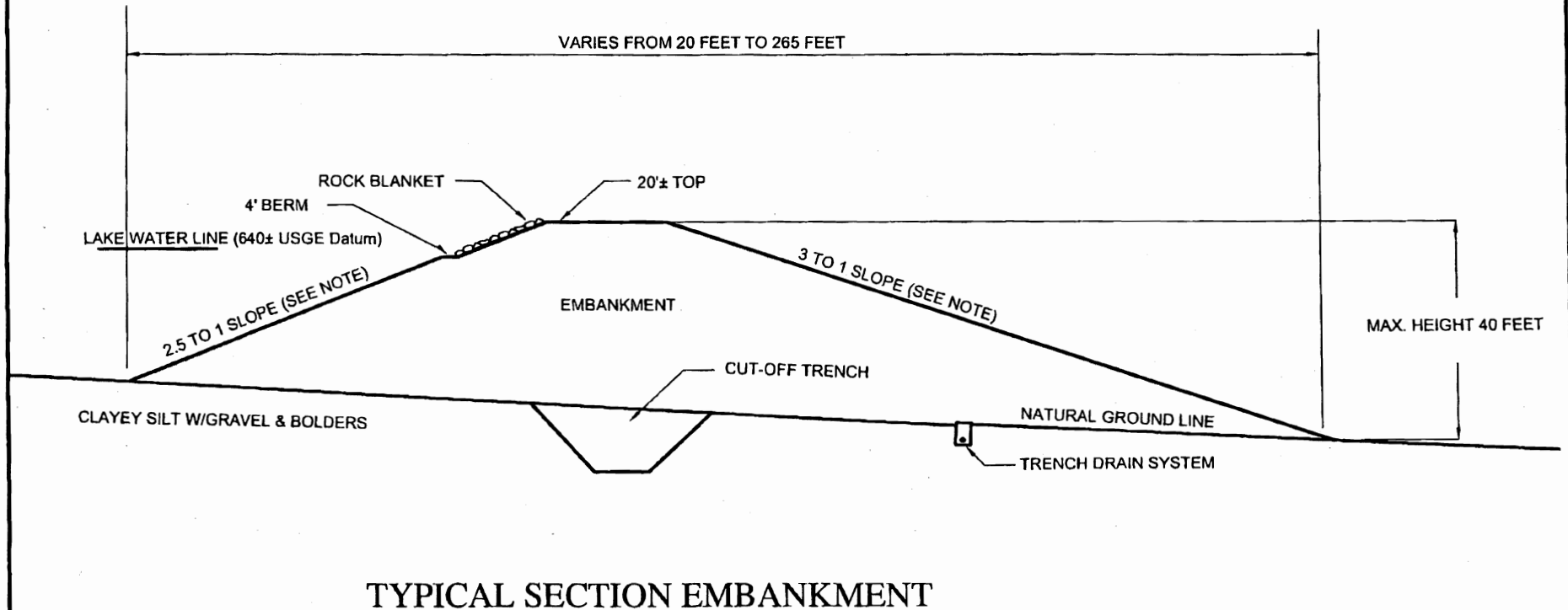


SCALE 1" = 200"

PLAN
HOUSKA-VEHIGE DAM
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

APPLICATION NO. 2007-1006
BY RON HOUSKA & RICHARD VEHIGE
FOR PRIVATE LAKE
IN SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 46 NORTH,
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NOTE: The slopes of the embankment were assumed to be as shown for computing volume of material to construct the dam. Final slopes will be determined after stability analysis has been completed.

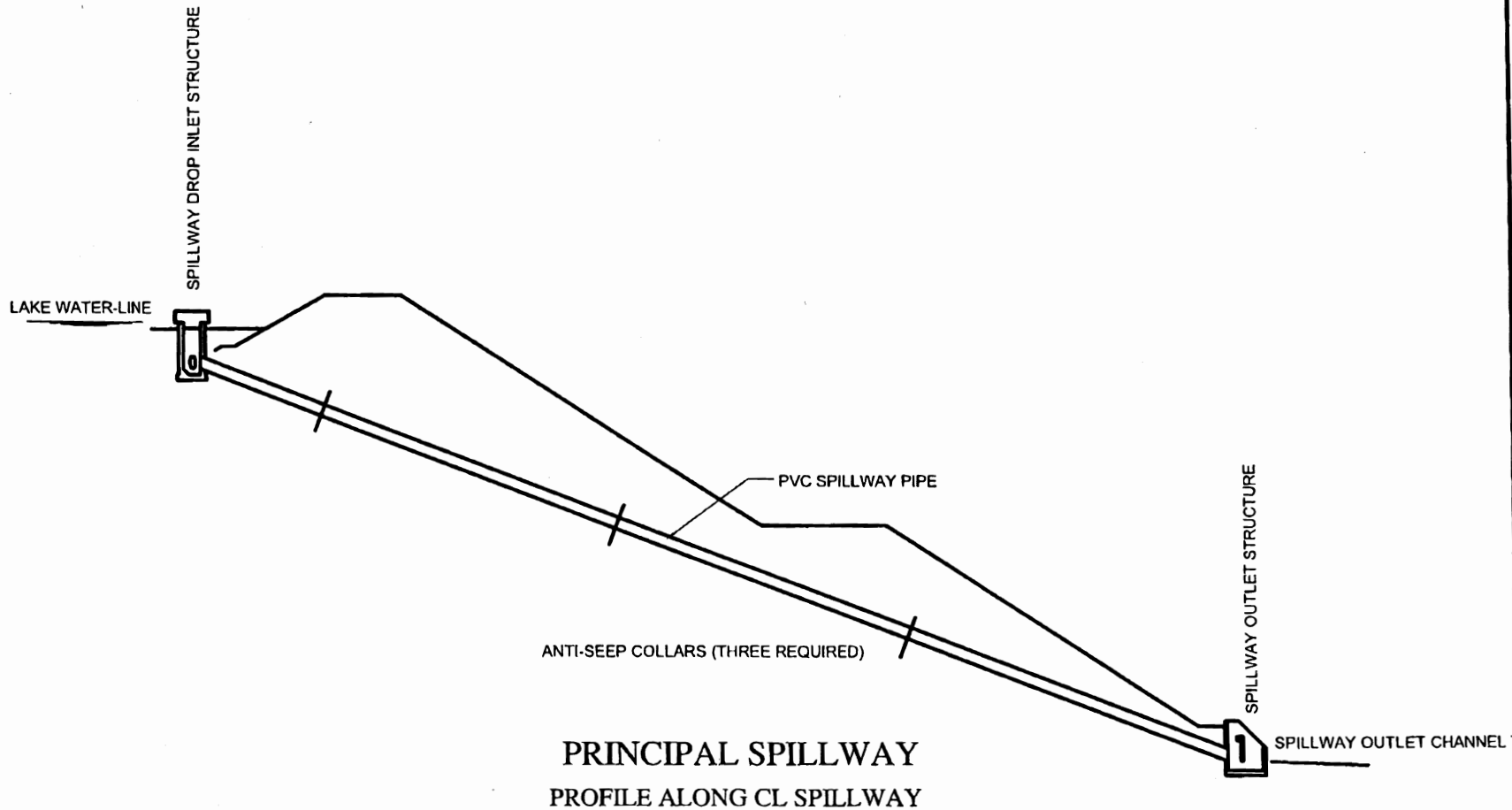


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EMBANKMENT SECTION HOUSKA-VEHIGE DAM MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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FIGURE # 2



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**PRINCIPAL SPILLWAY
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FIGURE # 3